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 Subject: Strong Support for Bill 10--Council Meeting Testimony

Dear City Council Chairs and Members,

I am in strong support of Bill 10 that will make Honolulu County the final county in Hawaii to join its neighbor islands in banning plastic bags. Locations around the country and globe have passed similar laws and have helped substantially reduce the amount of plastic pollution that enters our landfills, fouls our waterways, and harms marine life. With the amount of visitors coming to Hawaii each year, we consume millions of bags each year that only are used for minutes, but cause environmental problems for years to come. The solution is to simply use reusable bags. In order to assist in this necessary behavioral shift, we need to ban the bags. Its really that simple. Lets protect the very thing that draws 7 million visitors here each year; the aina.

Thank you for considering my comments in strong support of County Bill 10.

Aloha,

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